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SUBJ: FONMIN'S REPORTED REMARKS ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY

1. JAN 1 TERCUMAN REPORTED THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, WHILE DIS-
CUSSING HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY MIXED BUDGET
COMMITTEE DEC 31, MADE THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS REGARDING CIA
ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY:
BEGIN QUOTE

I SEE THE CIA IN LARGE MEASURE IN MARCH 12 (THE "COUP BY
MEMORANDUM" AGAINST DEMIREL IN 1971). IN AN AMERICAN PUBLICATION
THERE WAS A LIST OF COUPS CARRIED OUT BY THE CIA. THIS LIST INCLUDES
THE TOPPLING OF THE MENDERES GOVT AND THE BRINGING TO POWER OF THE
GURSEL GOVT IN 1960 AND THE STING OF THE DEMIREL GOVT BY MILITARY
PRESSURE IN 1971. THESE HAVE NOT BEEN DENIED. ONE FEELS THE CIA. THE
CIA GETS INTO A PIECE OF FUNITURE. YOU CAN HEAR IT GNAWING IN THE
WOOD, YOU HEAR THE SOUND, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT IS.
END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: CAGLAYANGIL WAS QUOTED AS MAKING SIMILAR
COMMENTS IN A LONG INTERVIEW GIVEN IN 1973 AND NOT PUBLISHED
UNTIL LAST SPRING. WE DID NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THOSE COMMENTS
BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN MADE WHILE HE WAS NOT FONMIN AND
BECAUSE THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THE PUBLICATION OF
THEM WAS INTENDED TO EMBARRASS HIM. THE SITUATION NOW IS
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DIFFERENT. UNLESS THE DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE PLAN IN THE
NEAR FUTURE TO MAKE A LOW-KEY INQUIRY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
AS TO THE ACCURACY OF TERCUMAN'S REPORTING OF THE MINISTER'S
REMARKS.
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